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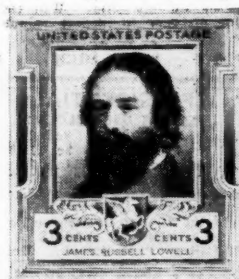
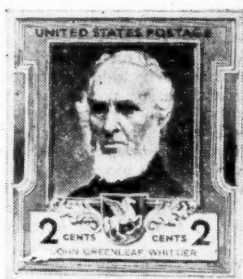
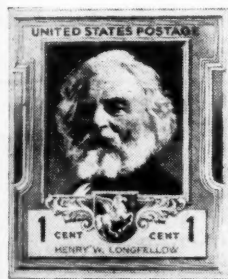
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Poets Designs Completed

Designs have been completed and dies engraved of the Poets series of the Famous Americans and three plates of each value had been assigned in December, and are probably being printed by this time. William A. Roach designed all five

trait is a reproduction of a photograph taken in his 63rd year by Sarony of New York, a copy being supplied by the Washington Public Library. The Whittier likeness is from a photograph taken at an undisclosed time, a copy

"James Whitcomb Riley, the Beloved Hoosier Poet, whose last birthday was the occasion for a full week of celebration throughout Indiana, his native state." The captions of course are not included in the stamp designs.



stamps. Mr. Roach had designed the Authors series also. In engraving the dies, Charles A. Brooks engraved the frames of all five stamps. William B. Wells engraved the lettering on the dies. The portrait on each stamp was engraved by a different engraver: 1c Carl T. Arlt, 2c William O. Marks, 3c John Eissler, 5c Matthew D. Fenton, and 10c Charles A. Brooks.

The source of the portraits has also been made public. The Longfellow por-

being submitted by the Division of Fine Arts of the Library of Congress. The Lowell portrait is a photograph of an engraving by J. A. J. Wilcox which in turn was made from an original crayon drawing by S. W. Rowse in 1855. Photo supplied by Library of Congress. The Washington Public Library supplied the Whitman and Riley photos. The Whitman photo has a caption: "Walt Whitman in 1871" and the Riley photo is titled

On January 16 the Postmaster General announced that the number of stamps to be printed of each denomination in each of the seven groups of Famous Americans stamps would be 50 million of each 1c, 2c and 3c; 20 million of each 5c and 10 million of each 10c. No statement was made regarding whether the printings would be limited to this quantity or if additional printings would be made if demands exceeded estimates.

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The stamps will be 1 1/2"x1" and will be printed in sheets of 60. The issue comprises 8 designs, in each of which a profile portrait of King George VI and the designs are varying displayed with the title Pitcairn Island at the top.

The subject matter of the design is as follows:

1/2d—Cluster of oranges.
1d—View of Pitcairn Island from the sea. The border includes a reproduction of Fletcher Christian on the stern of the Bounty.

1 1/2d—The border depicts John Adams, whose house is shown in the center, with inscription on base.

2d—View of the Bounty (H. M. Armed Vessel Bounty) at the base and a portrait of Lieut. Bligh in the border display.

3d—Map showing the relation of Pitcairn Island to other islands in the Pacific Ocean.

6d—Broadside view of the Bounty with inscription on the base.

1/—A view of Pitcairn Island from the sea and a portrait of Fletcher Christian in the border.

2/6—A view taken on Pitcairn Island and a representation of Fletcher Christian as in the 1d value.

The stamps will be bi-colored on white script watermarked paper.

Ecuador's Postal Tax Now Equals the Postage

Ecuador's interior postage rate of 10 centavos has been doubled, the *New York Times* states, as a result of a new requirement that all letters must bear a 5c tax stamp for aid of rural workers in addition to the 5c tax for construction of post offices, making total postage on letters 20 centavos. The tax noted on letters and circulars reaching the Linprint office has been high in proportion to postage. On circulars the tax has usually exceeded several times the postage. Ecuador has been collecting such taxes since 1920, for various purposes, and one President was accused not long ago of having diverted the sums so raised to other purposes.

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No Electric Eye Booklets For A Year Predicted

The Bureau Specialist quotes Third Assistant Postmaster General Black as stating that due to necessity of obtaining special perforating equipment it will probably be a year before any electric eye booklet panes will appear. Plates have been assigned for these for some time. There will be dashes in the left margins of these sheets and in the gutters very similar to those in the ordinary sheets.

First Day Calendar

AUTHORS

Denom.	Person	Place	Date
1c	Irving	Tarrytown, N. Y.	Jan. 29
1c	Cooper	Cooperstown, N. Y.	Jan. 29
1c	Emerson	Boston, Mass.	Feb. 5
1c	Alcott	Concord, Mass.	Feb. 5
1c	Clemens	Hannibal, Mo.	Feb. 13

POETS

1c	Longfellow	Portland, Maine	Feb. 16
1c	Whittier	Haverhill, Mass.	Feb. 16
1c	Lowell	Cambridge, Mass.	Feb. 20
1c	Whitman	Camden, N. J.	Feb. 20
1c	Riley	Greenfield, Ind.	Feb. 24

Collectors are requested by the P. O. not to send covers to first day offices earlier than 30 days prior to first day dates. In view of this we are printing only portions of the entire Famous Americans list; not more than two months in advance.

Stamps For The Nazi Propaganda Campaign

The two newspaper stamps recently issued by Germany depicting a carrier astride a globe are for payment of special low postage rates on newspapers mailed by publishers to foreign addresses. Mail on which they are to be used must be indorsed "newspapers for abroad." Part of the Nazi campaign of propaganda has been to send abroad as much printed matter as possible and the new low rates are to encourage this.

* They neglected to remove the sign and bar the letter drop in the old post office building at Mount Holly, N. J. Result was that recently letters which had been posted last summer were discovered in the vacant building. Clipping courtesy of A. L. Giannaula, Newark dealer.

* The magnitude of censorship work may be seen with the requirement for a force of 150 censors established in a Scottish hotel ballroom to scan 14,000 letters a day from the inhabitants of one town in a strategic military area.

* Liechtenstein's 1939 revenue was 2,099,300 Swiss Francs (about \$477,113), the Associated Press states; of which 31% came from stamp collectors. A fact that was printed in newspapers throughout the U. S.

Detroit Exhibition

The Penny Bank will set the theme of the annual exhibition of the Michigan Stamp Club to be held at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich., March 9 and 10. Horace F. Hartwell, general chairman, is quoted as saying that with the centennial year at hand, it seemed mandatory to pay homage to the stamp that started philately on its way. Bourse tables are \$8.00, which includes banquet ticket, and reservations may be made of the bourse manager, Benj. A. Nevison, 8012 Grand River Ave., Detroit. The Michigan Stamp Club commenced in January to hold its meetings at the Book-Cadillac on first and third Saturday evenings.

Tulsa Radio Programs

The "Postage Stamp Adventure" Programs are now heard at 4 P. M. each Sunday afternoon at Tulsa, Okla., over Station KVOO (1120 kilocycles). The program is entering its second year and the 15 minute stamp feature is a permanent addition to the station's programs. N. B. Slater, station program director says. Broadcasts at present are featuring biographies of the presidents shown on the Presidential Series.

* The Austin Philatelic Club meets at the Austin Town Hall, Chicago, on first and third Wednesdays, visitors welcome. Newly elected officers include Wilbert H. Kummer, Pres., and Mrs. Celia Zang, Secy.

* The Marks Stamp Co. now keeps its store open until 9 P. M., except Saturday and Sunday. Local ads in Toronto carry the names of the staff members who will be on hand each evening.

* Effective Feb. 1 post offices were ordered established on the U. S. S. Aulick, MacKenzie and Thatcher and the office on the Rodgers was ordered re-established.

PHILIPPINES — MINT

#221	6c Brown Lake	\$1.40
#222	8c Violet Brown	1.30
#227	2c Carmine	.42
#290	2c Green	.10
#291	4c Carmine	.04
#292	6c Violet	.12
#293	8c Brown	.09
#294	10c Deep Blue	.09
#295	12c Red Orange	.12
#296	16c Olive Green	4.50
#297	20c Orange Yellow	.16
#298	25c Blue Green	.30
#299	30c Gray	.21
#290-299	Complete	4.60
#304	10p Deep Green	8.00
#320	4c Carmine & Black	.20
#321	16c Olive Green & Black	.35
#322	18c Light Brown & Black	.40
#324	24c Gray & Black	.40
#350	1p Lilac	6.50
#368a	1p on 4p Deep Blue	1.10
#369a	2p on 4p Indigo	2.00
#383-392	Complete	1.35
#397-401	Complete	.79
#402-404	Complete	.85
#601-606	Complete	.60
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2c John Greenleaf Whittier	Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 16
3c James Russell Lowell	Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 20
5c Walt Whitman	Camden, N. J., Feb. 20
10c James Whitcomb Riley	Greenfield, Ind., Feb. 24

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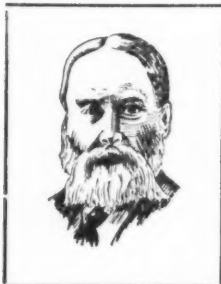
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COLUMBUS, OHIO

Famous American Poets

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL



Though he is included among the famous poets of America, James Russell Lowell was in his lifetime equally well known as a prose writer, a speaker and diplomat of no mean ability. Born at Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 22, 1819, he died there August 12, 1891. His father was a Unitarian minister. In 1838 he graduated from Harvard, poet of his class, and though graduate later of the law school, never gave particular attention to that profession, as from the first literature was what he liked best. His first volume of poems was published in 1841 and for the next half a century he produced many fine prose and verse works. The famous "Biglow Papers" first appeared in 1846 and the New England Yankee dialect in these and some satirical verses on the Mexican War brought his first general popularity. The most famous of his works, "The Vision of Sir Launfal" appeared in 1848. He edited various papers and magazines, among them the "Atlantic Monthly" for six years. In a trip abroad in 1851-1852 for the health of his wife he learned something of Europe, but the trip was marred by the death of his infant son and the year following their return his wife died. Lowell succeeded Longfellow at Harvard as Professor of Modern Languages in 1855 and held this position until 1877. In 1857 he married again. During the Civil War, a second series of "Biglow Papers" won him renown for satire on the anti-slavery cause. In 1865 for memorial services for Harvard's dead in the war, Lowell wrote his most dignified and serious poem, the "Commemoration Ode," sometimes claimed one of the best American poems. In 1877 he was Minister to Spain, and from 1880 to 1885 served in similar capacity in England. The chief difference between Lowell's works and his contemporaries were that his frequently were written to effect something immediate, generally a reform, and that he imitated others but little, using his abundant supply of wit and humor to the fullest. His prose works consist mainly of critical essays.

What They Say

"I need not repeat what I have emphasized on prior occasions that stamp collecting is the most attractive and worthwhile of all recreational activities which deserves and will continue to receive the fullest possible cooperation on the part of the Department."—Postmaster General Farley.

"So far New Zealand has lost no mails by enemy action."—Wilcox, Smith & Co.

"Some nations, alas, survive for only about as long as the gum on the backs of their various stamp issues remains good."—The Evening Star, Washington, D. C.

"Must we allow other nations to step in and proclaim to the world that our enterprise of 100 years ago has given place to faint hearts today?"—Adrian Hopkins, Pres., Postal History Society in letter to London Times requesting centenary stamps be rescheduled.

"Societies as such just don't do any research and probably never can and never will do any."—South African Philatelist in reporting the S. A. Philatelic Congress.

"The fourth (and we hope the last) Orval Abbey set has arrived."—Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

• Due to the lack of regular trans-Atlantic boats, parcel post mails to France from the United States are routed via Italy.

• H. Pequet was the aviator who flew the first official airmail by airplane in the world. This occurred at Allahabad, India, Feb. 11, 1911.

Hot Stove League

Fourth anniversary of Detroit's Philatelic Hot Stove League will be celebrated at a luncheon at the Olde Wayne club, Monday, Feb. 12. Founded by L. M. Edmunds, the informal group meets every Monday for luncheon. It has no officers, dues, constitution or by-laws. Anyone interested in stamp collecting is eligible for membership.

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More Famous Americans Plates Manufactured

The December output of postage stamp plates by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing includes another set of plates for each of the Authors set of the Famous Americans, bringing to a total of four the number of plates made of each denomination for this series. Ordinarily two plates would be sufficient, this indicating preparations for a possible heavy demand for the series. Only three plates were made of each of the Poets series, also made in December. The only other new plates made were eight new frame plates for the air mail stamp.

Plate Number	Denomination	Series	Size Kind
22489	1c Authors, Irving, EEC sheet stamp	1940	280 rotary
22490	2c Authors, Cooper, EEC sheet stamp	1940	280 rotary
22491	3c Authors, Emerson, EEC sheet stamp	1940	280 rotary
22492	5c Authors, Alcott, EEC sheet stamp	1940	280 rotary
22493	10c Authors, Clemens, EEC sheet stamp	1940	280 rotary
22494-95-96-97-98-99			
22500-01	6c Air Mail, frame only	1938	100 flat
22502-03-04	1c Poets, Longfellow, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22505-06-07	2c Poets, Whittier, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22508-09-10	3c Poets, Lowell, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22511-12-13	5c Poets, Whitman EEC	1940	280 rotary
22514-15-16	10c Poets, Riley, EEC	1940	280 rotary
	(EEC — means Electric Eye Convertible plates.)		

Among the new plates put to press in December will be noted the first pair of 3c Jefferson Electric Eye Convertible plates. These went to press on Dec. 11. On Dec. 15 the first of the Famous Americans went to press, the 1c and 2c. The 3c followed on Dec. 18 and the 5c and 10c on Dec. 19.

Plate Number	Denomination	Series	Size Kind
22474-75	1c Authors, Irving, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22477-78	2c Authors, Cooper, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22480-81	3c Authors, Emerson, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22483-84	5c Authors, Alcott, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22486-87	10c Authors, Clemens, EEC	1940	280 rotary
22422-23	3c Jefferson, sheet stamp, EEC	1938	400 rotary

Annual Events Calendar

Buffalo, N. Y.—Second annual exhibition by White Eagle Stamp Club, Everybody's Daily Bldg., Feb. 10-11-12.

Camden, N. J.—Exhibition by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs at Walt Whitman Hotel, Feb. 17-18-19-20.

Canton, O.—Annual of the McKinley Stamp Club at Hotel Belden, Feb. 10-11.

Detroit, Mich.—Annual exhibition of the Michigan Stamp Club at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, March 9 and 10.

Tulsa, Okla.—First convention of cover collectors at Hotel Mayo, April 5 and 6.

• Ethel B. Stewart of New York City is the owner of one of the few blocks of the 24c 1918 air mail with center inverted. The block was a leading exhibit at the National Hobby Show at Milwaukee, the first week of December.

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Editor's Notebook

A LETTER A letter came the other day from a subscriber whose address is the gray stone building officially titled the "Ohio Penitentiary," about six blocks from the Linprint office. Stamp collecting has proven successful mental recreation to prisoners in other similar institutions, though the men are hampered in many ways from becoming as interested as they would like to be. Our letter says in part:

"There are though, a good many men in this institution that are becoming stamp conscious, and that are collecting stamps in their own meagre fashion. I have tried to encourage many of them towards this hobby and have given out many thousands of stamps of the cheaper mixtures in order to capture their fancy and I believe that it is taking hold.

"You would be surprised to learn the amount of men that would like to follow this hobby and how many are attempting to do so at this institution. Many of them collect in a haphazard manner placing their stamps in pages of magazines, home made albums and

album pages, and also are making their own stock cards and hinges. Most of them do this because they have no means of knowing where and how to purchase the necessary items for their collecting."

Another letter cites just what benefits the hobby does give under these circumstances and the writer of the remarks frankly stated he is not attempting to flatter himself, but that his enthusiasm for the hobby accounts for them:

"It has taught me to become more alert, neater and more patient in all of my undertakings. It has acted as a balance during times of mental stress and has helped to soothe a sometimes tortured mind. It has brought me knowledge that I otherwise would never have had, for the educational advantages within its scope are unlimited. It has taught me the meaning of having faith towards my fellow beings, because the practice of trusting others is so predominant in the stamp world. It has taught me the real meaning of 'ethics,' a trait which is steeped into the greater part of the stamp collecting fraternity. Ethics of the very highest calibre."

The common reaction of many collectors has been that stamp collecting should not be encouraged in such institutions as it is thought an error to put knowledge of our hobby in possession of those who might misuse it; but those who believe so are in error, for a little reflection will show them that the population of our corrective institutions represents only a small portion of those entitled to admission to those places. If stamp collecting can aid in rehabilitating those society wants to, then philately should do all in its power to aid.

—R. R.

Perts and Imperts

THEY REMEMBERED JANUARY 10 in Buffalo at least. The Bison Philatelic Society celebrated with a party and exhibition and even produced a little souvenir sheet. We're glad to see that somewhere the date was recalled in a philatelic manner. The sheets, for benefit of you philatelic label collectors, depict the Penny Black and a bison design and may be obtained for 10c (or 3 for 20c if you collect 'em wholesale) plus postage at Room L, 443 Sherman St., Buffalo, N. Y.

COLLECTORS TIRED OF PURPLE commemoratives may be interested to note that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have tried to ease the burden. The new Four States Stamp is listed in the January Scott's Monthly Journal as "rose violet." This is the first time that shade of violet has been used in color nomenclature of the 3c "poopies."

THEY MUST HAVE TOUGH CENSORS in Verona, N. J. The January

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Precancel Bee came along with four pages as blank as the Postmasters Provisional section in a Junior Album. We knew Steve Rich used rough adjectives now and then, but four pages!

"THERE'S ONE OF THESE COO-coos in every office" said Jimmy Hatlo in his Jan. 15 cartoon, which illustrates a scene familiar enough in many offices: the fellow who dashes to cut the stamps off the morning mail. More than one firm has had to actually institute a ban on stamp collecting (from their mail) to keep scissors-hounds in bounds.

THE METCO STAMP CLUB REALLY splurged with the Christmas number of its *Metco Messenger*, 28 mimeographed pages. A surprising number of their members show themselves to be good philatelic writers and the articles printed would do credit to any stamp paper.

WE WONDER IF JAMES RUSSELL Lowell really looked like his portrait on the coming 3c stamp? The die was engraved with a photo serving as model. The photo was of an engraving, which in turn was made from a crayon drawing. The crayon drawing was—we hope—made from life. Sort of a copy of a copy of a copy of a copy, if you get the idea.

THE WASHINGTON EVENING Star of Jan. 10th carried an editorial by James Waldo Fawcett on the centennial of cheap postage.

MANY COLLECTORS FOR A LITTLE sideline collection send covers for last day cancels of post offices being discontinued. Some of our readers have no use for such things and want notices of them omitted, but others write in and ask why we don't print more items about these; so there you are. Interesting stories are frequently met with in sending these covers, for we've seen some of the letters received. The other day came the Postal Bulletin announcing among others the discontinuance of the Pennsylvania post office of Nebraska in appropriately named Forest County, and right away we were interested. Only last fall we had been in that typical country store office serving an ex-lumbering center of a few houses. Once the store had been a busy place, offices of the lumber and railroad companies. From its steps we watched a diminutive locomotive struggle up from the weed overgrown yards with a couple cars of the last lumber instead of the varnished coaches of 25 years ago. We say "last lumber" for soon this scenic spot on Tionesta Creek will be a ghost town, and when floods fill the tributaries of the Allegheny, the site of the post office will be under 30 to 50 feet of water impounded behind the new dam. Yes, we think we'll send a last day cover ourselves, this time.

AT LEAST WITH THE QUINTS AT the New York Fair this year, the various postmaster generals will have something for stamp designs besides those billiards implements.

Coronado Celebration

The celebration of the fourth centenary of the explorations of Francisco Vazquez Coronado in what is now the states of Arizona, New Mexico and adjoining territories, the Coronado Cuarto Celebration will commence on June 10 at Bernalillo, New Mexico with dedication of a museum on the camp site of the explorer. The explorer left Mexico City early in 1540 following the west coast until north of Guaymas and then crossing the mountains into southern Arizona. On July 7 in the course of their search for gold, a large pueblo was stormed near the present pueblo of Zuni in New Mexico. Small parties of the expedition were sent searching for fabled cities with streets of gold, one of these under Lieutenant Lopez de Cardenas reaching the Grand Canyon and being the first whites to see the spot. From September 1540 until the spring of 1541 Coronado camped at Bernalillo. From there he explored across the mountains and into the plains of Arkansas and Oklahoma, eventually reaching a point somewhere near the present state line of Kansas and Nebraska. Coronado failed in his attempt to find the non-existent "Seven Cities of Cibola" which a friar had claimed to have seen in 1539, but his reports led to eventual settlement of the vast domain in the crude and often ruthless manner of the early Spanish conquerors. This is the event for which a commemorative stamp has been requested.

Collectors may recall the comment at time the San Diego stamp was issued in 1935 bearing the commemorative dates of "1535" and "1935" and to advertise the California-Pacific International Exposition. The Exposition was announced in addition to the usual purposes to be in commemoration "of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific Southwest by Francisco Vazquez de Coronado" to quote Postmaster General Farley's own words at the printing of the first of these stamps. This despite the fact that Coronado never reached California, and didn't start exploring the Southwest until 1540. San Diego had stretched history to suit the occasion.

Thus it appears that philately may have two stamps commemorating the same event, with dates five years apart, if there is a Coronado stamp issued this summer.

Auction Calendar

Feb. 2—U. S. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Feb. 6—Mail Sale. Y. Souren Co., 394 Park Ave., New York City.

• Rochester Philatelic Society elected new officers recently, including Roy Duffus, Pres. and F. A. Woock, Corresponding Secy. Collectors interested in the club may contact Mr. Woock at 68 Burlington Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

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426b .20	432 .30	438 .10	
427 .03	433 .01	439 .22	
428 .03	434 .26	440 .50	
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1916-17 Issue, No Watermark			
462 .04	469 .42	475 .70	
463 .02	470 .45	476 .70	
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New Books Received

Sanabria's Air Post Catalogue, 1940 Tenth Edition, compiled and edited by Nicholas Sanabria and Harry M. Konwiser. 714 pages, 5½x7½, completely illustrated, bound in purple cloth, price \$2.50 (\$5.00 De Luxe) of the publisher, Nicholas Sanabria, Inc., 17 E. 42nd St., New York City. This catalog has changed its name somewhat this year, it formerly being titled "Standard Catalogue of Air Post Stamps." Over 50 pages and many new illustrations have been added. Prices are the net prices of the Sanabria firm, though of course variations from market are to be expected. The catalogue lists every stamp ever issued in connection with air posts, whether prepared by a governmental or private authority and no exclusion is made of varieties of poor reputation such as is done by Scott in their catalogue. This does not detract from the value of the book, for it leaves the choice in collecting these stamps up to the individual. It also represents the much broader viewpoint of the air post collector toward stamps than the rest of philately, as the average air post collector has a pronounced tendency to collect anything connected with aviation.

Of particular value is the factual information about the stamps and the air services for which they were issued; found in no other publication. The quantities issued and the number of covers sent, are given where this information is known. Dates of issue are also given. In general covers are not listed or priced, as the publisher felt this an impossible group to price. The moderate quotations on U. S. Pioneers are continued despite protests of some enthusiasts for these; but in proportion to demand and supply the Sanabria prices would appear closer to the actual net worth. Stamps are priced singly in used and unused condition and in mint blocks of four. Semi-officials of the various countries are priced too and listed as thoroughly as the regular government issues. Illustrations are very fine, these being half-tones, but slightly reduced and these are very clear as a result of use of a highly coated paper in the catalogue. Listings are up to the minute, as may be seen by inclusion of the Chaco Peace issue. The finest catalog of air post stamps issued to date.

Constitution and World's Fair Issues, compiled and published by the New York Sun. 32 pages 5x7½, price 10c of the Stamp Service Dept., New York Sun. 280 Broadway, New York City. This is another edition of the small booklets compiled by the Sun's able stamp editor, Franklin R. Bruns. It lists all the Constitutional Sesquicentennial, New York and San Francisco Fair issues, giving all possible data on these, including date of issue, quantity issued, names of designers, engravers, printers, etc.

Minimum Essentials in Stamp Collecting, by Gerald H. Burgess. 198 pages 5½x8, cloth bound, illustrated, published at \$2.50 by Lindquist Publica-

tions, 2 W. 46th St., New York City. The late Mr. Burgess organized the first course in stamp collecting in a University and this book is compiled from his lectures and notes by his wife in collaboration with Haughton Sanguinetti. 20 Chapters are included, covering in a clear manner the hobby; explaining it in a very understandable manner. The book is a textbook, in short, and intended to be used as such. The various chapters are as brief as possible, but not too brief. The Department of Education of Massachusetts has approved the book as a textbook for teaching stamp collecting. It will be used in connection with a course at Harvard. A better understanding of the hobby would result if all beginning collectors would read this book.

The Answer Is . . .

"Is there any way or place where I can obtain the name of country and numbers of the various stamps that have been issued since Scott's Catalogue of this Fall?" About the only means would be to subscribe to *Scott's Monthly Journal*, which contains all the supplements in listings to the annual catalogue, plus much other information on New Issues. Published monthly by Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Inc., \$1.00 per year.

"Approximately how many of the inverted center Canal Zone stamps, No. 42a, were issued?" 3 sheets of 100 of this stamp were discovered to have been made into booklets and practically all were issued before a few were saved for stamp collectors. This happened in 1915.

"Why isn't the 2c Canal Zone airmail envelope listed in Scott's Specialized U. S. Catalogue?" The Scott prices for envelopes are for cut squares, not entire, and the cut square from the airmail envelope does not differ from the cut square of ordinary envelopes, as the air mail imprint is not close enough to the stamp.

"Is the business man on the NRA stamp intentionally placed out of step?" This was not intentionally done. The vignette is a copy with some alterations of a poster design prepared by Rudolph L. Bartel, Nutley, N.J. The design originally depicted Pres. Roosevelt as one of a group emerging from the cloud of the depression. The figure intended to be the President was changed to a "business man" by slight changes, chiefly the addition of a mustache. A male worker was eliminated and a woman's figure substituted. The stamp was hurriedly prepared.

"Are postal cards collected like envelope stamps, cut square?" Very seldom. Prices in the Scott Specialized Catalogue are for entire postal card.

U. S. NOTES

A very unusual Business Reply Card has been submitted by A. L. Giannaula of Newark, N. J. It is a match book cover and including the striking space measures only 4⅞x1½ inches. Such a card is a violation of the postal laws (unless some recent amendment excepts it) as all post cards, Business Reply or ordinary may not be smaller than "approximately 2¾x4 inches." The card is addressed to the American Life & Accident Insurance Co., St. Louis, Mo., and the back (or underside of the match book cover, whichever you choose to term it) is a form for obtaining an insurance policy. The cover is copyrighted by the company and has the admonition "Do not mail matches."

Kent B. Stiles, Stamp Editor of the *New York Times*, in summing up possible events that may be commemorated this year, mentions that May 26 will be the 150th anniversary of formation of the "Territory South of the Ohio River," also that 1940 is the centenary of polar explorations by Charles Wilkes, American Admiral who explored part of Antarctica in 1840. It will be recalled that the 1937 Northwest Territory stamp aroused some criticism for inaccuracy by having a section labeled "Territory Southwest" instead of "South." The Wilkes stamp may be one way of the U. S. laying claim to a large portion of Antarctica as he was first to claim discovery of the South Polar continent in the course of explorations of the South Seas.

Joseph Josselson asks what there is to prevent someone taking a straight edge 20c 1917 (perf. 11) and reperfing the straight edge to 10 gauge and thus make one of the perf. varieties such as was sold at the Johl Sale for \$17.25. The stamp referred to is a 20c perforated 11 except that the bottom edge was perforated 10. There is nothing to stop anyone from trying to fake such varieties, except that reperfing can always be detected because the manner in which it is done is different from the original perforating. The fact that dangerous counterfeits of such varieties can be easily created is possibly the reason the perf. varieties bring so little at auction, in relation to their rarity.

Victor R. Benson of Des Moines submits a meat inspection "stamp" and inquires why these could not be collected as the specimen submitted "on piece" has been in his possession six months with no bad effects noted. This is simply a rubber stamp impression that meat has been inspected and since it doesn't collect a tax, it would not come under classification as a revenue stamp.

The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

By RAY SHEPARD—1529 Duxberry Ave.—COLUMBUS, OHIO

JAPAN — Pictorials. Two further values in the series of new designs, which began in May, 1937. The complete sets will consist of nineteen values and there now remains only one value yet to appear — a 20 sen stamp.



The 20 sen will be primarily for postage on letters over-seas. A couple of years ago, the over-seas rate was half that sum. The two under-noted are both upright rectangular format of the usual small size. Perf. 13x13½; wavy line watermark same as on previous values:

3 sen, emerald green (Power Plant)
5 sen, deep ultramarine (Kamikochi Valley, in North Japan)
(Karl Lewis)

Mr. Lewis writes that in our notes of November 11, 1939, we were in error in stating that the 5 yen, value showed a portrait of the Mikado. No "Mikado" was ever represented on any Japanese stamps, instead is shown Empress Jingō — true name Jingo Kōgo — pronounced Jingo Kōgo was shown on Nos. 113 & 114 and 182 & 183. The word Mikado is never used in Japan; the Emperor is always known as "Tennō Heika"; pertaining to Heaven. He is too sacred to have his name on a stamp. The word "Japan" is never used and millions of Japanese never knew the word. It is always known as Nippon and Nippon Jin is a Japanese name. The 5 sen previously noted depicts Prince Kamatari Fujiwara, a great statesman of the 7th Century.

We thank Mr. Lewis for his timely correction and very informative data, which we believe our readers will find useful.

SWITZERLAND — Local Military Labels. The defense mobilization of the Swiss Army has brought about the issue of a series of special labels for Soldier Mail. Thus far 19 different labels have been recorded, having been sold from 5c. to 10c. each. However, as they bear no face value and are purely local labels, they are not to be classed as stamps and will find no place in the catalog listings of the stamps of this nation.

TUNISIA — Types of 1926. Typographed, unwmkd., perf. 14x13½:



A12—90c. ultramarine
A13—2fr. red-orange
" — 3fr. violet

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

TURKEY — Commemoratives. Honoring the opening of the Railway between Ankara and Erzurum, which took place October 20, 1939. Horizontal or upright rectangular format, locally printed. 30,000 sets issued:

3ku. orange (Railroad Bridge)—upright format
6ku. brown (Railroad Engine)—upright
7½ku. rose (Mountain scene)—horizontal
12½ku. dark blue (tunnel)—horizontal

(R. Roberts)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. New High Value. Placed on sale August 21, 1939. No further details at this writing:

10s. (View of Groot Constantia, one of the old Cape Dutch residences)
(Stamp Collecting)

URUGUAY — Air Post Stamps. Further values in the set, the last values of which were chronicled by us August 5, 1939. Lithographed, unwmkd., perf. 12½:



AP8—20c. slate
" — 50c. brown-orange

(H. G. Spanton)

San Francisco Exhibition

The California Collectors Club will sponsor its second annual exhibition May 10-11-12 at Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, Calif. Sunday, May 12, is being planned as the chief day, when collectors from all over northern California are expected to the bourse and dinner. President Henry L. Holzberg has sent invitations to all interested collectors to attend.

Cover Society Forming

A world-wide society of cover collectors, the "International Cover Guild," is being organized with the purpose of uniting within one body collectors of every type of cover, old and modern, foreign and U. S. Interested collectors should contact J. O. Jernigan, 1014 W. Eastland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

• Robert J. Wagner, proprietor of the Miami Stamp Co. was scheduled to show his prize-winning collection of 1c 1851-1857 stamps at the Rubber City Stamp Club, Akron, on Jan. 25.

• Another stamp paper made its debut in January. "Stamp-Month" to be published monthly, 8 pages approximately the size of LINN'S. We wish the new venture success. Publisher is Lucius Jackson, Burlington, Vt.

• The stamp listed in catalogues as the second Semi-Postal stamp of Tunis, is stated to be only a label, having no franking power. The entire sum of 5c went to the Red Cross. Stamp was used in manner similar to our Christmas seals.

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DALLAS, TEXAS

Noted a Presidential Buro from Dallas recently and the state name was spelled out in full. Previous printings abbreviated the name. This was a 13c value and since the first shipment of the 13c to Dallas was the "TEX." variety, that variety appears to be the good one and should be rounded up as soon as possible.

COLUMBIA, S. C.

It was my privilege to examine a pair and a single of the famous or infamous 3c coil counterfeit. Here are some of the pronounced differences I noted as I studied the two types. The counterfeit is of slightly thicker letters and of a much deeper black due to the fact that they were no doubt platen press printed. There is less space between the U and M in the counterfeit than in the genuine. The spacings though are near perfect. The one big difference noted was the A. It was very large and did not seem to be of the same size as the rest of the type. It is surprising that this was overlooked when it is apparent that other details were watched so carefully. One of the pair had a period missing after the C. This of course is another oversight as no missing period was listed in the genuine. It was quite possible that this period was in the setup but did not print as many printers can tell that it is not uncommon for a period not to print up although it was not broken. The gentleman responsible for these counterfeits was quite elderly when these were concocted and it is not surprising that some of these things were overlooked but it is odd that other features were followed so faithfully. The gent referred to now has since passed on to his reward. Any other questions about this item will be promptly answered.

NOTES

The lesser half of the Twin Cities of Fairfield Co., Ohio, recently issued a 1c Pres. in their metal U-122 handstamp. Upon inquiry at the BASIL office I found that no less than three firms have taken out permits, so we can expect to land a few of these in time to come.—The BALTIMORE ORIOLE at hand, says the 1½c Pres. ords. are in the office at Baltimore but won't be used till 20,000 1½cFF Hardings are used.—We wonder if the dealers featuring "new issues" will stock up very heavy on the 50c values?—Here are some Presidentials: 1½c Hollywood, Calif. U-8, 1c and 4c Hyndman, Pa. U-120, 1c Lancaster, Pa. U-12, 1c

Dover, N. J. U-122. Here is supposed to be a jerk-water de luxe: 1c South Langhorne, Pa. U-121.

Precancel Stamp Society Expertizing Committee

The Expertizing Committee of the Precancel Stamp Society is now fully organized and ready to function. Due to the fact that the Bureau Print Department was appointed first, some collectors seem to be under the impression that expertizing service would not be available for general (city type) precancels. This is not the case, as the latter group has been provided for in the appointment of Adolf Gunesch to render expertizing service on all precancels except Bureau Prints.

Collectors should understand the nature of the service being provided by the Expertizing Committee of the Precancel Stamp Society. The Committee does not pass on the genuineness of a stamp, but only of the precancellation. The Committee has a reference collection of favors, fakes, and counterfeits, which is used in carrying on the expertizing work. Collectors should understand the difference between a fake and a favor, or a fake and a counterfeit.

It is not the function of the Committee to identify types of large batches of precancels sent in by collectors for that purpose. W. B. Hoover and James H. Obrig, of New York and Brooklyn, respectively, are rendering expertizing service on Bureau Prints.

• Greece's Semi-Postal stamps are compulsory on mail at Christmas and Easter, the two principal religious holidays of that country.

Japan, 2,600 Years Old

BY MONTGOMERY MULFORD

It is announced that the Japanese will issue stamps celebrating the 2,600 anniversary of the reigning monarchy. It is claimed that the present emperor reigns from a house that has had uninterrupted sway—or at least sat upon its throne—during all of this time.

It was in B. C. 660 that the first authentic Japanese history begins, when Jimmu Tenno was the first historical mikado, or emperor of the Nipponese islands.

The rise of modern Japan may be dated from Commodore Perry's entrance in 1853 into Yedo, later called Tokio. From that period on Japan's rise has been steady. Today she is one of the Great Powers. A postage stamp celebrating this anniversary is fitting and historical, and will illustrate again the close kinship between philately and history, which have been called brother and sister!

Stamps such as these are the type which are practical, worthwhile, and to be collected. In an age when so many issues appear for unimportant events, this Japanese issue will stand out as one which need not be excused. Whatever we may think of the Japanese in the present state of affairs, the stamp will suggest history, and a part of the story of mankind that is old, yet ever new.

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New South Wales Had First Postage Stamps

It is generally assumed that the Penny Black issued in Great Britain in 1840 was the world's first postage stamp, but this is not correct. The Penny Black was the first adhesive postage stamp. In 1838 the colony of New South Wales printed in the Government Gazette a notice authorizing the postmaster of Sydney to issue stamped postage paper. This gentleman had a die made which carried a design approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, circular in form, having in the center the coat of arms of England with "SYDNEY" at the foot of the motto, and around the arms the wording "GENERAL POST OFFICE" at top and at bottom "NEW SOUTH WALES." This was an embossing die and was stamped in a colorless impression on wrappers or letter sheets, of white or blue paper. It had the denomination of one penny. It is interesting to note that the post office of the colony was only organized that year for handling mails between there and the United Kingdom. However since stamp collectors generally do not collect postal stationery, the 1838 New South Wales lettersheets have been all but forgotten.

W. G. Sylvester, Mill Valley, Calif., submits a postal card of New South Wales which was issued on January 1, 1889 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first stamp. In the center at top of the card is printed a large rectangular stamp, over $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ inches in size. In the center is a reproduction of the 1838 stamp and the ornamental rectangular frame contains the denomination (2d) and the wording "In Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Issue of Postage Stamps In The Colony" in a circle around the original design and inside this "Design Of The First Postage Stamp." Other wording in the frame is "Jubilee Stamp" and the dates "1838" and "1888." In addition to the 2d card with stamp in blue, a 3d card was issued with similar stamp in green. The 2d card was for mail addressed to the United Kingdom sent by the longer and much slower sea route than the land route for which the 3d card paid postage.

Mr. Sylvester, who sent the card for information, points out that Australia let a Centennial Jubilee slip by in 1938 by not commemorating its 1838 stamp. Though New South Wales quickly adopted the idea of a stamp, it was 11 years before they issued an adhesive stamp, probably because the first issue was a failure.

However the Penny Black reigns supreme as the first of postage stamps as collectors today define them generally; most collectors placing postal stationery in a separate category by reason of their manner of issuance and use.

The existence of this stamp was first known to collectors in 1868 when someone examining old files of the Sydney Government Gazette discovered references to it. A small post office yielded a small quantity of white letter sheets bearing the stamp and of the ones on a grayish-blue paper about half a dozen in all were found. The sheets had been folded before the stamp was embossed,

resulting on the design showing in all thicknesses of the folded sheet. The 1d rate applied to letters delivered within Sydney's city limits. The post office supplied the stamped letter sheets at 96d per 100 to stationers. The rate of postage was 1d if letters were prepaid, 2d if not prepaid, but the custom of letters being sent collect was apparently too strongly rooted, for an early philatelic chronicler records that the stamped sheets did not sell.

Apparently the original die was still in existence many years after the stamps had ceased to be used and a limited number of reprints were struck, for the 1894 Edition of Scott's Catalogue prices such a reprint at \$5.00. The originals remained unpriced and no records of sale have been noted in our files. A discrepancy is noted between illustrations of the stamp in old catalogs. The name "Sydney" is spelled "Sidney" on one illustration, probably an error in making the illustration, rather than an error in the original stamp.

Canton Philatelic Label

The McKinley Stamp Club has prepared an attractive engraved philatelic label, the product of the House of Farnam, to advertise and partly finance the annual exhibition, Feb. 10-11 at Hotel Belden, Canton, Ohio. The design carries a reproduction of the McKinley Memorial with inscription commemorative of the postage stamp centenary. In blue or brown, the sheets may be obtained of Robert L. Chapman, 300 Kahler Bldg., 312 4th St., Canton, at 10c per sheet plus self-addressed stamped envelope.

Cover Collectors Convention

The first convention of cover collectors ever held will be at Tulsa, Okla., April 5 and 6. The convention will be at the Hotel Mayo, with large exhibit and bourse space provided. 30 classifications have been made and prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Reservations for exhibition space must be made by March 5 to L. M. Blakey, P. O. Box 2604, Tulsa, Okla. If exhibitor supplies the frame the charge is 10c; if frame must be supplied by committee the fees total 50c. A seal featuring the Mulready envelope design may be obtained at 5c plus postage from Mrs. De Bajligethy, Box 567, Tulsa. C. N. A. De Bajligethy was elected Chairman of the Convention Committee. The Tulsa Cover Club is apparently the principal sponsor.

• The newly re-organized Gateway-Ravenswood Philatelic Society now meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Sheridan Hall, 1920 Irving Park Blvd., Chicago. All interested collectors are welcome to meetings. E. Scott Youmans is the new President and Ernst Sieck, Secretary.

• 25 of the 34 bourse tables for the CHIPEX exhibition had been reserved by the first week of January. Chairman of the show, announced in a previous issue, is Fred W. Peters, Room 430, 230 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

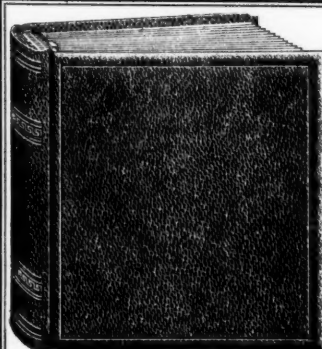
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• More new navy post offices ordered established in January are the U. S. S. Branch, Hunt, Mason and McCook.

1909 Swiss Curiosities

In 1909 from Switzerland appeared some curiosities unique in philatelic history. At that time merchants, according to an article by Emil A. Gotz-Kocher in the British magazine *Stamp Collecting*, used all sorts of labels to advertise their business. Some of the labels were designed so that a stamp might be placed in the center and the whole was then stuck on letters. The firm of A. Kocher & Fils decided to use these, but conceived the idea of having the stamps printed in the blank space instead of being affixed to it. The Swiss postal authorities agreed to imprint the stamps and accordingly 2,000 each were imprinted with 2c and 10 centimes stamps, while 12,000 were imprinted with the 5c stamp. The novelties were a great advertising success, but despite requests from other merchants as well as Kocher & Fils for more, none were printed as the postal people on second thought did not desire the practice to continue.

The combination stamps and poster stamps have in the center a Swiss stamp of normal color and design, with a white space a few millimetres in width all around. Around this is the colored frame containing the advertising in white letters and the label is perforated outside the advertising rather roughly. The advertising was printed first privately, then the government stamp printers imprinted the stamp designs. They are still good for postage.

Pan-American Day

BY MONTGOMERY MULFORD

A promise has been made for a postage stamp celebrating Pan-American Day, on the 14th of April. Well, why not? Pan American issues have been announced for Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras and Panama. Other Western Hemisphere nations may, soon, line up with these states.

The event is worthy. It will help us to focus attention upon our own and our sister continent, and away from war-torn and forlorn Europe. As Columbus Day—which has resulted in numerous new stamps—has helped us cement a spiritual friendship among all the American republics, so Pan-American Day should help us cement a further friendship in an even more tangible way.

April is a famous month in U. S. history anyhow, the month, in 1865 (and as it happens also the 14th) when President Lincoln was assassinated. This is the month when many of our wars began. Perhaps it is equally as famous, if not more so, than our month of February. And Pan-American Day should, in time, become so well established that it turns out not to be a national holiday but an international American holiday. A United States commemorative for the event would be fitting and—just!

• The post office of MINNESOTA JUNCTION, Wisc., will be discontinued on Jan. 31.

BROADWAY CHATTER

B Y B I S T A N D E R

The *New York Sun*, which featured for the past few years a stamp section, called a meeting of the leading dealers in New York City, to discuss several matters of the utmost importance to the trade. Most of the dealers invited attended, but due to business conditions some dealers were unable to attend. The meeting itself did not solve any major problems but this shows an attempt in the right direction. It means that dealers are willing to get together to discuss matters pertaining to the betterment of the hobby.

Within the first few weeks the Sanabria Air Post Catalogue was out, it has been instantaneously approved by all who have seen it here. One very interesting point I would like to bring out at this time is the fact that the Portuguese Colonies New York Worlds Fair set, as I predicted, when the issue came out, would be recognized by Sanabria, and sure enough, it's listed. Still, as my prediction went, Scott's are debating recognition. However, one New York wholesaler told me that Scott had ordered quite a few sets from him. Portugal has issued a statement that these Colonial New York Worlds Fair stamps were issued in regular manner.

[Editor's Note: The Sanabria catalogue does not bar any stamp from listing so long as it was issued by government authority. The Scott catalogue does not give regular listing to stamps whose "primary purpose of issue was other than of a postal nature"—which it is believed the Portuguese were not, as only enough stamps were sent the colonies to give the issue the appearance of having been a postage stamp issue.]

Whereas Paraguay New York Worlds Fair and the Peace Conference sets sold at nearly the same level, one set is a very speculative issue, and the other, just a good set. The Peace set has slowly gone up in price, certain values have already doubled in price, and even at the higher price insufficient supplies have been forthcoming. The New York World's Fair is a very scarce set. But, New York dealers are being bombarded with offers from Paraguay.

More and more, New York dealers are turning to South America for New Issues. Most of the countries participating in the Pan American Union are going to follow the example set by the United States in issuing a stamp in that honor.

In my travels downtown the other day I was surprised to note the large lots of recent United States Commemoratives that are being dumped on the market at various percentages under face value.

New York dealers are cutting down on their supplies of Russian stamps. The popularity of this country has fallen greatly since the war with Finland. It seems that Russian stamps are being boycotted, while German stamps are increasing in popularity. Just what significance this holds, one cannot predict.

Juniors Are Welcomed To Jersey Exhibition

What the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs believes is an innovation in stamp exhibitions is to be tried on the opening day, Feb. 17, of their exhibition at the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J. At 9 a. m. the show will open and Miss Florence Gruver of the South Jersey Woman's Stamp Club will conduct a program for children, intended to keep them occupied until noon. The children will tour the exhibition and select the frames they think best in both the junior and senior divisions. The ones whose judgment agrees with the later awards of the judges will be given stamp prizes. A stamp quiz, an exchange hour, and other features are scheduled in an attempt to do more for the junior collector than in the past.

• NEBRASKA will be discontinued Feb. 15. It is a fourth-class Pennsylvania post office whose site will be flooded by a newly finished dam on Tionesta Creek. Back in 1870 when it was comparatively new office, the postmaster received \$12 per year. 1939 business showed no improvement worth mentioning.

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